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Subject: Remarks/Comments

On behalf of the Cape Cod Landscape Association (CCLA) we would like to comment on the proposed changes to drought management in Massachusetts.

CCLA feels strongly that the proposed guideline of 1 inch of water per week one day per week would not be feasible. The economic impact on our industry would be negative. After discussing the proposed changes at length with members of IANE, CLCA agrees there appears to be no sound science based on this decision. Most importantly, watering approximately once per week with the current soil conditions on Cape Cod (clay and sand) is not feasible as 1 inch of water cannot be held in the sandy soil and will runoff the clay as well as not be beneficial to the environment or sustain plant health. In almost all areas of the Cape the water would leach right through our soils.

This decision would adversely impact many members of the green industry, not just on Cape Cod, but in Massachusetts. Our membership consists of vendors, suppliers, nursery businesses, landscapers, hardscapers, lawn care companies, associations and more. We would like to be on the record as against the proposed changes.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dan Helman
President, CCLA